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FORTS IN THE BAY PLAY HAVOC WITH DICKINS' VESSELS

Six Ships of the "Hostile"
Fleet Theoretically
Sunk.

TEXAS AFOL OF A MINE

In Imagination the Big Bat-
tleship Goes to Bottom
of the Sea.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 12.—Chesapeake bay is safe for the present. The "hostile" fleet under Admiral Dickins attacked Fort's Howard, Carroll, Armistead, and Smallwood early this morning and was badly smashed by mines and the guns of the fort. Of the sixteen vessels comprising the attacking fleet, six were sunk, theoretically.

The battleship Texas led the assault on the fort. Under cover of the fire of the big armored ships, the Newark sailed up the bay but was speedily sunk by the men of Fort Howard. The Texas went afoul of a mine and in imagination went to the bottom of the sea. Four torpedo boats went down under the destructive fire from the forts.

The other ships of Dickins' fleet are the cruisers Atlanta, the training ship Hartford, the monitors Florida, Nevada, Puritan and Arkansas, and the scouts of the fleet, the Hornet and Sylph, and the Sylvia.

Tests of Colors Made.
One interesting point in the mimic war was the fact that the vessels of the attacking squadron were painted different colors, so as to determine which color was the most difficult to pick up with a searchlight.

The Texas, the Newark, the Atlanta, the Puritan, the Hornet, the Sylph, and the Sylvia were painted white. The Florida, the Arkansas, and the Nevada were a dull khaki green. The Hartford was black, and the torpedo boats were painted a dark brownish green.

In the main, the war game is simple in object. Its general purpose is to test the defenses of Baltimore and Washington. Besides ascertaining once more the effectiveness of the works of the army and navy, the exercises will show the best point for warships when actually engaged in war, and afford experience in the laying and evasion of torpedoes and in general gun practice. The big guns, however, will not be fired, owing to the great cost of the powder.

No Tricks Are Indulged.
The game is officially called "joint exercises," as distinguishing the present operations from what are known as "joint maneuvers." There is no intention of trying to obtain a victory either for the army or for the navy. No tricks are being indulged, nor any attempt made to outwit another. The week's work will be more prosaic than that. What is wanted are certain facts collected by observant officers who must have time and opportunity to wield pencils and pens. Representatives from the army are on the ships and sailors are in the forts.

The commander of the land forces is Major General Wade, who came here from Governor's Island to take charge of the defenses.

The army force consists of fifty-one companies of coast artillery, a number which represents the entire strength of that branch of the service.

Like the Real Thing.

The demonstration against the forts was so much like the real thing last night that those who witnessed it had the sensation of seeing a real battle.

Contrary to the usual custom of the scout boats from the forts sent in the starting information at 1:30 that the attacking fleet was in sight and making its way up stream. The moon was well up, but hidden behind banks of clouds.

In a minute the signals at Sandy Point were flashing the same news to the forts, and at once the searchlights began to sweep over the water. Nor was this a moment too soon. Before they had completed a thorough search of the waters the light fell on the low-lying black hulls of three torpedo boats that were attempting to sneak past the forts without lights. Before a gun could be fired there was a sharp jangling of a bell in the fort, which told that one of the boats had struck a mine. The others held their headway, and the command was given to open fire. Immediately the forts broke into a ribbon of flame, and in the quiet of the night the blank one-pounder charges sounded like the reel roar of the Pacific guns from which they were fired.

The darkness and silence which had all along surrounded the boats now gave place to the blaze and roar of their guns as they returned the fort's fire. Flashes were plainly seen from the buildings on the high grounds of the city.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Unsettled weather prevails this morning over the Atlantic States, and there have been occasional showers from New England southwestward into Texas and New Mexico, and also local showers in the upper lake region and the north Pacific States.

It is somewhat cooler in the lower lake region and Ohio valley, and slightly warmer over most of the remaining districts.

TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m. 71

12 noon 74

2 p. m. 74

Sun sets today 7:25

Sun rises tomorrow 4:34

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 3:35 p. m.

Low tide today 10:12 p. m.

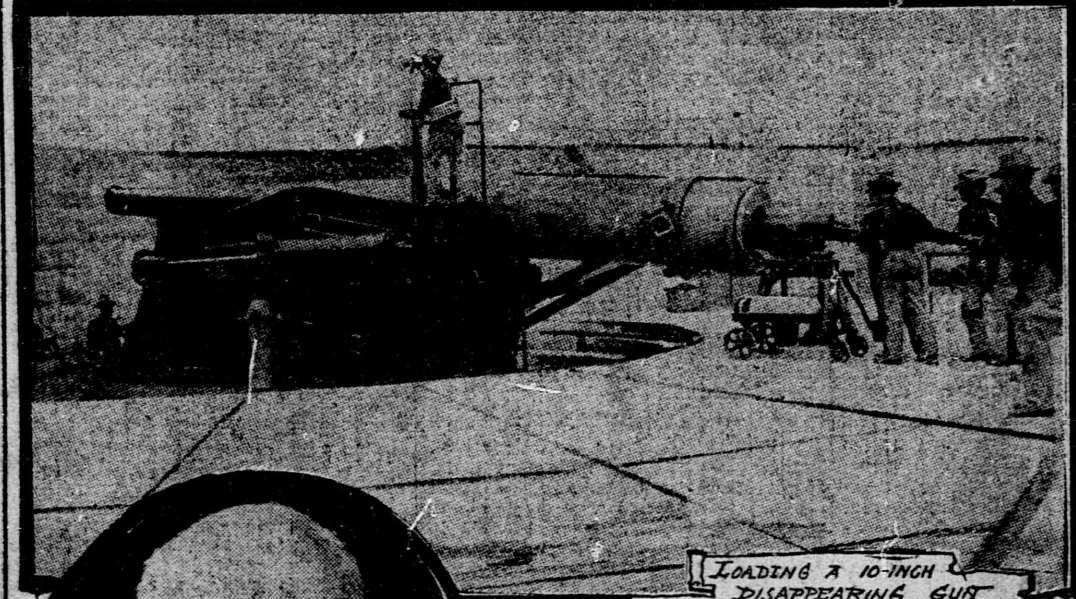
High tide tomorrow 4:30 a. m.

Low tide tomorrow 11:00 a. m.

MIMIC WAR RAGES ALONG THE HISTORIC SHORES OF THE CHESAPEAKE



FORTRESS MONROE AND HAMPTON ROADS



LOADING A 10-INCH
DISAPPEARING GUN
AT FORT WASHINGTON



GENERAL WADE

SHOT TO DEATH AT A CAROUSAL

Edward Steele Victim of
William Pruitt.

OLD GRUDGE IS RECALLED

Taunts Lead to Threats and Threats
to Fatal Use of Hunting
Gun.

Shot through the right hand and abdomen in a quarrel with William Pruitt, a painter, at the latter's home near Anacostia yesterday afternoon, Edward Steele, an employee in the local navy yard, was sent to the Washington Hospital, and died there shortly after 9 o'clock this morning.

Pruitt, who admits that he shot Steele while in a drunken brawl, was taken to Police Headquarters this morning, where his photograph and measurements were given to Superintendent Edward Evans, of the Bureau of Criminal Identification. Without being told of the death of his victim, he was taken back to the Fifth precinct station, where he was incarcerated for the night. A charge of murder was registered against him. It is probable that he will attend the inquest which Coroner Nevitt will hold over the body of Steele tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Pruitt lived in the old Naylor mansion, in the heart of the woods near Twining City. There is a broad expanse of territory around his home, and all this is covered by his lease. Pruitt is a great hunter, and it was with one of his single-barrel shotguns that he killed Steele yesterday afternoon.

Steele, who lived on the James E. Thompson farm in Prince George county, Md., was as much of a hunter as Pruitt, with whom he had been on many trips and had been on the most friendly terms for years.

Last fall Steele and his son went hunting for ortolans or rails, and trespassed upon Pruitt's land. The latter, not knowing who was on his property, procured a gun and ordered the two supposed strangers off. When he discovered the identity of the trespassers he tried to make amends and welcomed them to his home. After this occurrence Steele never seemed the same.

Reg of Beer Tapped.

Yesterday a keg of beer was tapped in Pruitt's home. The drinking began about 10 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock the members of the party had become sufficiently familiar to deal in personalities and to tell stories about one another.

"I remember," said Steele, "that me and my boy come mighty high being filled plum full o' buckshot one raw day las' fall."

"Take her there now, Steele," warned Pruitt. "You're treating on my corns, and I'm just full 'nough of booze now to finish up that little job I started on that day you was on my land."

"Phil," said Steele, as he laughed in his glass of beer.

Repeatedly Derided Pruitt.

Pruitt stamped around the room for a while, drank more beer, and then finally answered Steele, telling him that it wasn't right to bring up old grudges and rub salt in old wounds. Steele repeated:

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Crawford Put Through A Severe Examination

Throughout the Length of Major Conrad's
Questioning, However, the Defendant in
Postal Case Maintains His Composure.

For two hours this morning, and as many this afternoon, William G. Crawford underwent a severe cross-examination by Major Holmes Conrad, the special attorney employed by the Government to assist the District Attorney in the prosecution of the postoffice fraud cases.

Throughout the length of the cross-examination the witness maintained his composure, although once or twice he answered the questions of his examiner in a sharp tone of voice. Major Conrad brought to bear all art in cross-examination, and never lost an opportunity to remind the defendant of an apparent contradiction.

Some time was devoted to the explanation of Crawford's statement of why he received remittances from Lorenz. Major Conrad pinned Crawford down to his specific reasons for accepting these remittances, and then asked explanations of his actions along other lines not included in those specific motives.

The cross-examination will probably consume most of the session tomorrow morning. The defense will then examine two or three witnesses, and the Government will take up a short rebuttal. It is hardly probable that the case will go to the jury until Tuesday or Wednesday, when he found that the case will adjourn Thursday afternoon until Monday, as usual.

Crawford Cross-Examined.

Prior to the resumption of the cross-examination of Crawford, Mr. Worthington obtained permission to ask the witness one or two questions which had slipped his memory in the examination in chief.

Mr. Worthington called Crawford's attention to a statement made by Lorenz to the effect that Crawford told him that he (Crawford) had made arrangements with Machen for the insertion of an item in the specifications permitting the use of other materials besides leather.

"Did you make any such arrangement with Machen?" Mr. Worthington asked.

"No, sir, I did not."

Major Conrad then took up the cross-examination where he left off last Thursday.

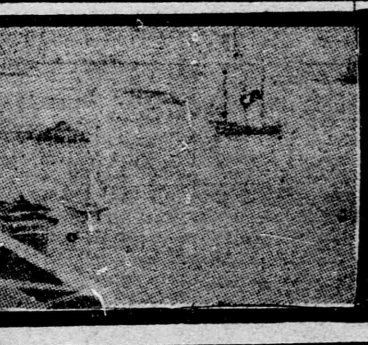
The first point touched upon was the difference between Lorenz's and Crawford's statements in regard to the time when they entered into their agreement.

On his examination in chief, Crawford said that it was some time about April 17, 1902.

Major Conrad turned to the statement of Crawford, made before Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, in May, 1903.

"Why did you tell Mr. Bristow that it was in the early part of May, 1902?"

Is your memory better now than it was



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REAR ADMIRAL DICKENS

ASPHALT BOOKS SHOWN TO TAFT

Indicate \$5,000 Check Was
in Exchange.

OTHER WITNESSES HEARD

Ira Atkinson Denies Any Knowledge of
Facts in Bowen-Loomis
Controversy.

Baron Rosen's Task.

It is generally understood that Baron Rosen, the new ambassador to America, will represent Russia in the preliminary negotiations if they are held in Washington.

Some definite steps will be taken probably within the next twenty-four hours, when the situation will be cleared up somewhat.

It can be said that there is no very deep-seated hope here that there will be a successful termination of negotiations at this time.

According to the best information available now no intimation of Japan's terms have reached the Russian government from any authoritative source. None is expected until the peace envoys get together.

Witte for Commissioner.

The announcement that M. Witte is to go abroad in a short time or business for the state is taken as indication that he may head Russia's peace commission.

A recent editorial in Novoe Vremya this morning is exciting much comment. It says:

"There is no great prospect of peace unless Japan, under the slogan of 'Asia for the Asiatics,' should recognize that Russia in her origin, history, and destiny is an Asiatic as well as an European power and be ready to conclude, not peace, but an alliance."

It concludes: "If Japan can only recognize that Russia must remain an Asiatic power as well as herself a durable and permanent peace is possible."

Many Minds Regarding Peace.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—There are many rumors in regard to peace today in government circles, but it is notable that hardly two officials have the same view. On making the round of the offices today, at least seven different versions of what Russia is prepared to accept in the way of peace demands and what officials believe Japan is willing to agree to were heard.

The fact is, that the Russian government does not know how the negoti-

ations which are soon to be opened will end. One thing is certain, and that is that peace will not be agreed to at peace at any price.

If Japan simply announces her terms with the ultimatum that they must either be accepted or rejected, the negotiations are sure to come to an abrupt end. Russia is prepared to bargain for terms, and that is all. If she sees that the results of the bargaining will be comparative peace, she will accept. If not, the war will go on.

Not Beaten Down.

Russia does not consider that she has been beaten down on her knees. She believes that the position of Linevich's army entitles her to assume a strong attitude in discussing peace terms.

Your correspondent is informed that while the question of indemnity will be one which will require the most subtle handling on the part of the peace commissioners, there is an equal chance that the negotiations will be wrecked over the future of Vladivostok.

Russia will not consent to the abandonment of Vladivostok as a naval base, and will take the stand that Vladivostok is now in an ideal condition to resist a Japanese attack, and that the Mikado's army cannot capture it without sacrificing half a million men. It is believed that if Japan forces the issue that Vladivostok must be given up as a naval base the war must continue.

President Is Attacked.

The attitude assumed today by the reactionary press shows that there is a strong party in St. Petersburg working against peace. The newspapers which reflect the sentiment of this anti-peace party today publish articles attacking President Roosevelt.

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